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By Sam Sabin

Morning Consult has just released a new interactive tool to track President Donald Trump's standing across America. Among other features, the report details his approval rating in all 50 states and his re-election prospects among a range of important demographic groups. View the report.

Top Stories

- Facebook Inc. is in the process of restoring several ads from Sen. Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign that called for the breakup of the company and other tech giants after removing them for violating advertising policies against using the Facebook corporate logo. Warren thanked Facebook for restoring her campaign advertisements in a tweet, but also said she wants a "social media marketplace that isn't dominated by a single censor." (Politico)

- Sens. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) and Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) plan to introduce a bill today to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act to extend privacy protections to children up to age 15 and limit online platforms from collecting the data of children ages 13 to 15 without their personal consent. The measure would also give parents the right to demand a platform delete all data obtained from their children, and a platform would not be able to discontinue service to that user because of it. (The Verge)

- Alphabet Inc. Chief Executive Larry Page did not receive board approval for a $150 million stock grant to Android creator Andy Rubin while Rubin was under company investigation for alleged sexual harassment, according to a lawsuit, only receiving a "rubber stamp" approval for the package eight days after granting it. Rubin later used the grant as "leverage" to receive a $90 million severance package three months later when he left the company, according to the complaint. (Bloomberg)

Chart Review

A growing majority now views our online privacy as a crisis
Axios

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

03/12/2019

SXSW 2019

Brookings Institution's "How can public policy keep up with technological change?" book discussion with former FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler	9:00 am
Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing on GDPR, CCPA and the impact on competition and innovation	10:00 am

House Communications Subcommittee hearing on restoring net neutrality protections	10:00 am
Brookings Institution's "How China and the U.S. are advancing artificial intelligence" event	2:00 pm
House Antitrust Subcommittee hearing on T-Mobile/Sprint	2:00 pm
House Emerging Threats Subcommittee's hearing on Defense Department's artificial intelligence initiatives	2:30 pm
Senate Communications Subcommittee hearing on rural broadband investment	2:30 pm

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SXSW 2019

House Science, Space and Technology Commmittee's hearing on future visions and current issues with America in space	10:00 am
Senate Commerce Committee hearing on U.S. and space	10:00 am
Washington Space Business Roundtable's panel on small satellite launch service providers	11:30 am
Senate IP Subcommittee hearing with Patent and Trademark Office Director Andrei Iancu	2:30 pm
Senate Small Business Committee's hearing on cyber crime threat to small business	2:30 pm

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SXSW 2019

House Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee's hearing on safe vehicle technology and drunk driving	10:00 am
Brookings Institution's fireside chat with FTC Commissioner Noah Joshua Phillips on online consumer privacy and emerging tech	11:00 am
American Antitrust Institute's competition roundtable on "Challenging Monopolies in Court - Where Have We Been	1:00 pm

and Where Are We Going?"

03/15/2019

SXSW 2019

FCC's March open commission meeting	10:30 am
Technology Policy Institute's panel discussion on "Blockchain 201: Policy Questions for 2019"	12:30 pm

03/19/2019

TIA Policy Forum co-hosted with Samsung on industry innovations and government partnerships in managing the ICT supply chain	12:00 pm

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General

Huawei connects rural America. Could it threaten the country's most sensitive military sites?
Alex Marquardt, CNN

Outside Malmstrom Air Force Base in central Montana, spread across 13,800 square miles of open plains, more than 100 intercontinental ballistic missiles stand at the ready, buried deep underground in missile silos. These Minuteman III rockets are capable of delivering nuclear warheads at least 6,000 miles away and are part of the U.S. Strategic Command, which oversees the country's nuclear and missile arsenal.

Warren took tech's money while ripping its biggest players
Christopher Cadelago, Politico

While Sen. Elizabeth Warren was railing against big tech companies, she was taking their money - plenty of it. The Massachusetts Democrat, who is powering her presidential campaign with a bold proposal to break up the likes of Amazon, Google and Facebook, in September accepted a $2,700 contribution from Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's chief operating officer.

Bernie Sanders renewed his war with Amazon over working conditions for its lowest paid employees
Isobel Asher Hamilton, Business Insider

Bernie Sanders has stepped back into the ring with Amazon. The 2020 Democratic presidential candidate has been a vocal critic of the company and its CEO Jeff Bezos in the past.

Elon Musk shoots down U.S. regulator's complaint about his Tesla tweet
Alexandria Sage, Reuters

Tesla Inc Chief Executive Elon Musk shot back against U.S. securities regulators on Monday, arguing in a filing that his recent tweet about the electric vehicle maker's production volume did not violate his fraud settlement and he cannot be held in contempt.

House Veterans Affairs is Having Trouble Hiring Tech Experts

Jack Corrigan, Nextgov

The House Veterans Affairs Committee is struggling to recruit the experts it needs to effectively monitor the multibillion-dollar electronic health record overhaul at the Veterans Affairs Department, according to the committee's chief. As the committee staffs up for the 116th Congress, Chairman Mark Takano, D-Calif., is working to build a deep bench of health IT specialists to help lawmakers better understand the numerous tech troubles that plague Veterans Affairs.

Stocks Rally Eases; Pound Pares Gain Before Vote: Markets Wrap
Todd White, Bloomberg

U.S. equity futures were mixed and European stocks edged higher as the risk-on mood across markets showed signs of fading. Treasuries fell and the dollar was steady, while the pound gave up an advance as a crucial Brexit vote nears.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

News Corp calls for break-up of Google
Jamie Smyth, Financial Times

Rupert Murdoch's News Corp has called for the break-up of Google, arguing the US company's dominance of online search and advertising technologies is hurting consumers, advertisers and news publishers.

Amazon to end price practice critics said could violate antitrust law
David McCabe, Axios

Amazon will no longer tell third-party merchants that sell products on its platform in the United States that they cannot offer the same goods for a lower price on another website, according to a person with direct knowledge of the company's decision.

Former Apple engineer says Qualcomm tech was his idea but doesn't claim patent
Richard Nieva, CNET

A former Apple engineer testified Monday that some of his ideas are at the heart of a contentious intellectual property case, but stopped short of claiming

he's an inventor on a disputed Qualcomm patent.

Foxconn rejects Microsoft patent lawsuit, says never had to pay royalties
Jeanny Kao and Yimou Lee, Reuters

Taiwan's Foxconn on Tuesday responded to a patent infringement lawsuit filed against it by Microsoft Corp, saying as a contract manufacturer, it has never needed to pay royalties for the U.S. giant's software.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

CWA Tells Hill It Is No Happier With T-Mobile/Sprint This Month
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

The Communications Workers of America doesn't like the proposed T-Mobile-Sprint merger any more than the last time it told Congress the deal would hurt workers-it represents about 700,000 across the communications industry.

John Oliver fights robocalls... by robocalling Ajit Pai and the FCC
Jon Brodkin, Ars Technica

Comedian John Oliver is taking aim at the Federal Communications Commission again, this time demanding action on robocalls while unleashing his own wave of robocalls against FCC commissioners.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

France Has Recruited Facebook To Help Solve Its Anti-Semitism Problem
J. Lester Feder and Zorro Maplestone, BuzzFeed News

When French President Emmanuel Macron decided to combat hate speech online he turned to the very person many blame for its rapid spread - Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. On Monday, a lawmaker from Macron's party said she would present a first draft of a bill to punish social media platforms that fail to quickly take down hate speech.

Instagram Co-Founders Push Back on Warren's Tech Breakup Plan

Sarah Kuranda, The Information

If she is elected U.S. president, Democratic candidate Elizabeth Warren said last week that she'll appoint regulators to unwind Facebook's acquisition of Instagram, among other efforts to check the power of big tech companies. Instagram's co-founders made clear Monday they don't think much of her proposals.

If Lyft can't keep its drivers as independent contractors, it may never be profitable
Johana Bhuiyan, Los Angeles Times

Lyft's entire business model is predicated on its relationship with its drivers. It hinges on recruiting them, keeping them happy, ensuring the company never has to provide them health insurance and other benefits, and eventually finding a way to replace some of them with self-driving cars so Lyft can keep a bigger chunk of the check after every ride.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

The US Government Will Be Scanning Your Face At 20 Top Airports, Documents Show
Davey Alba, BuzzFeed News

In March 2017, President Trump issued an executive order expediting the deployment of biometric verification of the identities of all travelers crossing US borders. That mandate stipulates facial recognition identification for "100 percent of all international passengers," including American citizens, in the top 20 US airports by 2021.

Lawmakers introduce bipartisan bill for 'internet of things' security standards
Jacqueline Thomsen, The Hill

A bipartisan group of lawmakers on Monday unveiled legislation that would create cybersecurity standards for internet-connected devices, often known as the "internet of things." The bill, introduced in the Senate by Sens. Mark Warner (D-Va.) and Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) and in the House by Reps. Will Hurd (R-Texas) and Robin Kelly (D-Ill.), would require established standards for government use of the devices.

Privacy lawyers for Google, Intel to appear at senate judiciary hearing on Tuesday: committee statement
David Shepardson and Susan Heavey, Reuters

Privacy lawyers for technology giants Google and Intel will testify before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday to discuss consumer controls and opt-ins, the panel said in a statement released on Monday.

Data privacy bill faces long odds as states, EU move ahead
Gopal Ratnam, Roll Call

Lawmakers want to pass a federal data privacy bill before 2020 to put Washington on par with Europe and ahead of several U.S. states. But those efforts could be delayed because of differences between technology companies and Congress over how powerful the law should be and how it should be structured.

Digital Ballot Advocates Use the Blind to Champion Their Cause
Margaret Newkirk, Bloomberg

Lou Ann Blake took the microphone in a crowded auditorium near Macon, Ga., last August and articulated a position that puts her at odds with almost every cybersecurity professional in the U.S. An election accessibility director for the National Federation of the Blind, Blake was testifying before a committee formed by then-Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp to recommend how to replace the state's computerized voting equipment, which cyber experts have called the most hackable in the country.

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Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Consumer Privacy Moves to the Front Burner in Washington
Deborah Collier, Morning Consult

After being prodded by its own watchdog, Congress is finally getting serious about privacy. Committees in both the House and Senate held privacy hearings at the end of February, after being spurred on by a Jan. 15, 2019, Government Accountability Office report that called on Congress to clearly determine which federal agencies should be responsible for consumer privacy.

The Worst Idea (So Far) in Democrats' War on Big Tech
Michael R. Strain, Bloomberg

Senator Elizabeth Warren's plan to break up Amazon, Facebook and Google got all the attention last week. But she isn't the only Democrat looking to rein in big technology companies.

The Huawei Case Signals The New US-China Cold War Over Tech
Zachary Karabell, Wired

The deepening saga of the US government's campaign against Chinese tech company Huawei intensified this week, with Huawei filing a lawsuit in Texas alleging that the government's ban of Huawei equipment is "illegal" and based on propaganda, not facts.

Research Reports

Automated Trucking: Federal Agencies Should Take Additional Steps to Prepare for Potential Workforce Effects
U.S. Government Accountability Office

What could self-driving trucks mean for hundreds of thousands of the nation's long-haul truck drivers? We found two possible scenarios: Long-haul highway driving will be fully automated, resulting in fewer trucking jobs and possibly lower wages, or Self-driving trucks may still need operators, possibly changing

the skillset and wages without significantly affecting the number of trucking jobs.

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